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FOR SENATORS PELL AND JAVITS FROM MC KILLOP

1. AS I LEFT HOTEL FOR AIRPORT FRIDAY EVENING, ACTING  
CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. RENE ANILLO, ORALLY GAVE  
ME FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR YOU:

BEGIN MESSAGE:

1. REFERRING TO WCBS TV BROADCAST ALLEGING THAT A CUBAN  
CITIZEN FRANK ALVAREZ WAS APPREHENDED AND LATER ASSASSINATED  
DURING YOUR VISIT, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NO CUBAN WAS  
DETAINED LET ALONE KILLED DURING OR IN CONNECTION WITH  
YOUR VISIT.

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGATIONS IS UNDERWAY,  
BUT IT IS MADE DIFFICULT WITHOUT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICA-  
TION OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM, ESPECIALLY IN A CITY OF  
TWO MILLION. THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME RECEIPT  
OF ANY SUCH MATERIAL.

2. RESORT TO ASSASSINATION AND EXECUTIONS IS CONTRARY  
TO CUBAN POLICY AND NONE HAS OCCURRED IN MANY YEARS.

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3. YOU CAN EXPECT SOME WELCOME RESULTS FROM YOUR VISIT

IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END MESSAGE.

COMMENT: DR. ANILLO RAPIDLY DELIVERED THE MESSAGE AT THE HOTEL DOOR WITH AMBASSADOR VIERA AS INTERPRETER, AND I HAD NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS. ON WAY TO AIRPORT, HOWEVER, FELIX PITA, DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, SAID THIS WAS AN OPEN MESSAGE FOR THE SENATORS TO USE AS THEY SEE FIT.

WHILE IT CONSTITUTES CUBAN DENIAL OF THE ALLEGATIONS TO THE SENATORS, IT IS NOT A PUBLIC DECLARATION OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD GIVE STATUS TO THE MACHINATIONS OF ELEMENTS INIMICAL TO THE CUBANS AS WELL AS THE SENATORS. IF THE MESSAGE DOES NOT FULLY MEET THE REQUEST FROM SENATOR PELL MADE THROUGH THE CZECH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, IT IS RESPONSIVE TO IT.

PITA IMPLIED THAT IF FRANK ALVAREZ CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITH HELP OF PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL, THE CUBANS LATER ON MIGHT SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM CHARGES IN SOME KIND OF PUBLIC REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION.

CUBANS HAVE TEXT OF WCBS REPORT BUT NOT THE FILM. ASSUME THAT IS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL" BUT THEY DID NOT ASK FOR IT SPECIFICALLY.

FROM TIME I FIRST REQUESTED INFORMATION OR INTERVIEW WITH ALVAREZ THURSDAY EVENING, FONOFF HAS SHOWN CONCERN FOR SENATOR JAVITS' POSITION AND DESIRE TO HELP OUT.

VON DESCHWANDEN WHO DEALS WITH POLITICAL PRISONER PROBLEMS AT SWISS EMBASSY STATES TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT NO LONGER EXECUTES OR ELIMINATES PERSONS FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.

DR. ANILLO MENTIONED NO CONDITION ON USE OF THIRD POINT RE EXPECTED GOOD RESULTS. THEY WILL PROBABLY INVOLVE FAMILY SEPARATION CASES BUT NOT LARRY LUNT.

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FOR SENATOR PELL:

HAVING NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD TO THE ABOVE, I PLAN TO WEEKEND WITH THE JOVAS AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON MONDAY AFTERNOON. CHEERS.

FOR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER: UPON RECEIPT

OF THIS TELEGRAM PLEASE NOTIFY PAUL GOULDING OF  
SENATOR PELL'S STAFF ON 462-9138.  
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